

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (*Currently amended*) A portable time-out device comprising: a circular sitting mat with a ~~soft~~ flexible outer edge around an entire perimeter thereof that is used for disciplining a small child, said mat comprising a flat rubber material, said rubber material having fabric laminated on an upper surface thereof for placing on the ground and being flexible for folding, rolling or balling up of said mat.
2. (canceled).
3. (*previously amended*) The portable time-out device of claim 1, wherein said circular sitting mat has no seams or creases.
4. (original) The portable time-out device of claim 1, further comprising decorative or educational indicia or ornamentation on an upper surface thereof.
5. (*previously amended*) The portable time-out device of claim 1, wherein the fabric comprises polyester.
6. (*previously amended*) The portable time-out device of claim 1, wherein the mat has a diameter of up to 36 inches.
7. (*previously amended*) The portable time-out device of claim 1, wherein said mat has a thickness of up to 1/8 inches.
8. (*currently amended*) The portable time-out device of claim 1, wherein ~~said rubber is foam rubber and~~ said fabric surface is polyester.

9. (cancelled)
10. (cancelled)
11. (previously amended) The portable time-out device of claim 1, wherein said mat has decorative indicia comprising one or more of letters, numbers, shape characters, colors, words, symbols, cartoon characters, biblical characters, digital impressions, photographic impressions or pictures.
12. (cancelled)
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18. (cancelled)
19. (currently amended) A portable time-out device comprising a sitting/standing mat that is used for disciplining children, said mat comprising a flat piece of rubber having a decorative upper fabric coating adhered thereto and said mat being flexible for folding, rolling or balling up for transport of storage and wherein said outer edge is flexible and does not have a rigid or steel rim.
20. (previously amended) The portable time-out device of claim 19, wherein said mat is 1/16-1/8 inches thick .